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Houston coach honored by Positive Coaching Alliance



MARION JONES

HOUSTON — Marion Jones, athletic director at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, was selected as a finalist for the Positive Coaching Alliance's (PCA) Double-Goal Coach Award.

He was selected as one of the top four coaches in the country out of 2,100 applicants for the award and is invited to speak in a panel discussion on stage at PCA's National Youth Sports Awards Dinner and Auction in Palo Alto, Calif. on April 25. The PCA is a national non-profit developing "Better Athletes, Better People" by working to provide all youth and high school athletes a positive, character-building youth sports experience. The Double-Goal Coach Award honors those who strive to win while also pursuing the more important goal of life lessons through sports.

Coach Jones has worked at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School for 17 years and has been a coach for 30 years. He has been a Track Athletic Congress and USA Track & Field Official for 35 years as a Master Official and a Certified Level 1 track coach and trainer. He has influenced the lives of hundreds of St. Vincent's students and families and the school is thrilled for him to be recognized in this way. †

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St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School students, including sixth-grader Sara Price and seventh-grader Nathaniel Fernandez, attended the Pope Francis photo exhibit opening.

Exclusive photo exhibit of Pope Francis in Israel at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

HOUSTON — The Houston-based Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest United States and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston opened an exclusive photo exhibit of His Holiness Pope Francis visiting Israel at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Family Center, 6800 Buffalo Speedway.

Open through the end of May, the photo exhibit highlights Pope Francis' historic visit to Israel in 2014. The images were captured by an official photographer of the Israeli government who had virtually unrestricted access to the time Pope Francis spent with former President of Israel Shimon Peres; Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; and Greek Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, as well as leaders of the Muslim and Jewish faiths. The encounters occur among some of the holiest Jewish and Christian sites.

Highlights of the exhibit include Pope Francis exchanging warm greetings with former Israel Pres. Shimon Peres, the pope on the Temple Mount and praying at the Western Wall and he, along with Prime Minister Netanyahu, laying the wreath on the grave of Zionist Visionary Binyamin Ze'ev Herzl and visited a Memorial to Victims of Terrorism on Mt. Herzl. Pope Francis is also photographed praying alone and with Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew I in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where they knelt together before the Stone of the Anointing. †